



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Desjarlais, J.  
Serial No.: 10/071,859  
Filed: February 6, 2002  
For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR  
DESIGNING PROTEINS AND  
PROTEIN LIBRARIES  
Examiner: Not Yet Assigned  
Group Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned  
Attorney Docket No.: 823.0093USQ

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Prior to substantive examination, please make the following  
amendments to the claims.

**In the Claims**

Please cancel claims 1-15 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add the following new claims:

--18. (New) A method executed by a computer under the control of a  
program, said computer including a memory for storing said program, said  
method comprising the steps of:

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01 FC:203 106.00 DP  
02 FC:202 84.00 DP